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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Current Intelligence for the President's
Science Advisor

1. On 2 December 1974 I talked with Dr. Russell Drew, Director of Science and Technology Policy Office, National Science Foundation (NSF), about intelligence needs of the President's Science Advisor. Dr. H. Guyford Stever, the President's Science Advisor and Director NSF, has designated Drew responsible for intelligence and international scientific affairs. Drew indicated Stever receives no current intelligence--neither the NID, the NIB, nor the DIN. Informal arrangements have been made for access to current intelligence via the NSC. Dr. David Elliott and Mr. Gordan Moe--the two NSC staffers responsible for scientific affairs--serve as first-order filters for Stever. In theory this arrangement appears workable; in practice Elliott and Moe pass little intelligence information to Stever. Thus, I think arrangements should be made for Stever or his designee to have direct access to the current intelligence publications.

2. NSF currently does not have a secure vaulted area to store intelligence information. This argument is given when one questions why intelligence is not sent directly to Stever. A simple fix might meet the President's Science Advisor's current intelligence needs--couriers could carry the National Intelligence Daily to NSF and wait for Stever or a designee to read it.

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3. In some areas Drew indicated the President's Science Advisor was getting good intelligence support; in others the intelligence availability was "spotty." In the

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space area they are getting good intelligence support prior to the joint US/USSR space mission planned for 1975; the computers intelligence study was also highlighted as invaluable. He did argue, however, that intelligence on general foreign technical developments was "spotty," including insight on the Soviet/US technical exchanges. I will pursue the current intelligence proposal with Drew as noted above. In addition, I will make sure significant current scientific articles are brought to Drew's attention. Drew has hired Richard Gray, formerly with ARPA, to look after international scientific and intelligence affairs.



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